



The art Framework

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Outline



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- Origins of art.
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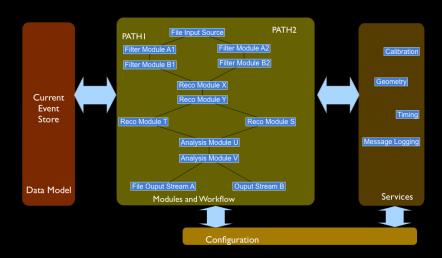
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Most HEP experiments use a framework; **art** is a framework that is being used by multiple experiments, which has relieved them of the need to produce and maintain their own.



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```
#snip
source: {
  module_type: RootInput
  fileNames: [ "file1.root",
               "file2.root" ]
physics.producers.trac1: {
  module type: TrackFinder
  myPar: 5
physics.producers.trac2: {
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  myPar: 10
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- An input source class template for more straightforward user implementation of "raw" data input.



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- New, simple configuration language, FHiCL to match stakeholder requirements replaces use of Python and associated Python modules. FHiCL is used by other projects such as LQCD and has Python and Ruby bindings.



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- Experiments develop their own modules, services, auxiliary code and (optionally) main programs which interact with art.

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